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TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, US, AG

SUBJECT: LNG IMPORT POLICY

REF: STATE 199053

1. ALGERIAN CHARGE MAADINI VISITED EB/FSE ON AUGUST 12 FOR A CLARIFICATION OF THE NEW U.S. LNG IMPORT POLICY ANNOUNCED AUGUST 5 (REFTEL).

2. MAADINI WAS BRIEFED ON THE POINTS COVERED IN REFTEL AND GIVEN A COPY OF THE ERC POLICY STATEMENT (STATEMENT HAS BEEN POUCHED TO AMBASSADOR BY AFN). MAADINI WAS NOT WELL INFORMED ON ALGERIAN LNG DEVELOPMENTS AND NOTED THAT HE MERELY WANTED A CLARIFICATION OF NEW U.S. POLICY SINCE ARTICLES IN WALL STREET JOURNAL AND JOURNAL OF COMMERCE
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HAD LEFT IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS DIRECTED AGAINST ALGERIA.

HE WAS ASSURED THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE, THAT POLICY IS AIMED AT LIMITING DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN ENERGY FROM ALL SOURCES, AND THAT EVERY SUPPLYING COUNTRY WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE SAME GUIDELINES.

3. FOLLOWING BRIEFING MAADINI EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT HE WAS NOW IN A POSITION TO GIVE HIS GOVERNMENT A BALANCED EXPLANATION OF THE ERC POLICY STATEMENT. HE SAID

THAT HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY INQUIRY FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THIS AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE PLANS TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON HIS OWN OR WAIT UNTIL ONE IS REQUESTED BUT SUSPECT THAT THE LATTER IS THE CASE. ROBINSON

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